

## INSURGENT LIBERALS ATTACK VOTERS' LISTS

### Claim Made Before Electoral Commission That 25,000 Names on Montreal Lists Are False — Rebellious Members of Party Launch Charges Before Special Sitting.

MONTREAL, P. Q., March 15—Led by Calixte Cormier, treasurer of Action Libérale Nationale, insurgent Liberals shot their first thorn into the side of the parent Liberal party in Quebec by charging that a great many of the 25 names now being added to the provincial voters' list in Montreal are false. The accusation was made in the Old Court House, as a special electoral commission, under the chairmanship of Recorder-in-Chief Amedee Thouin, with Recorder Aime LeBlanc and E. Stuart McDougall, K. C., as associates—opened its first hearing. The names in nearly every case sponsored by the regular Liberal ranks, are claimed to be a correct list of would-be voters, who, for various reasons were not eligible to vote in the last provincial elections.

**Lawyers Present**  
In the front line of the dispute guarding the interests of the Liberal organization were Bernard Bissonette, K. C., Elie Beaurgard, K. C., Omer Legrande, K. C., Edouard Tellier, K. C., and Jack Spector. The Liberal insurgents were represented for the most part by Mr. Cormier and Jean Martineau, a former secretary of the Reform Club — the local Liberal stronghold. The Conservatives, were noticeable by their absence.

No sooner had Chief Recorder Thouin taken his seat and told anyone who had any objections to the new list to come forward than Mr. Cormier rose. "I want to know", he declared, "whether every one of those 25,000 persons who wish to be placed on the voters' list have paid their 25 cents as required by Section 11 of the Quebec Electoral Act".

**Causes Flurry**  
His remarks caused a flurry in the Liberal ranks as attorneys quickly scanned the paragraph. There was some discussion which was quickly halted by Chief Recorder Thouin. "Rejected", he said,

Mr. Cormier wanted to know on what grounds. His request went unheeded.

The new names for Jacques Cartier division were submitted. Mr. Cormier objected.

The Recorder-in-Chief shook his head. "I don't want to stop any debates on these names", he said, "but I am afraid that unless Mr. Cormier states exactly what he objects to—we cannot do anything with his objection".

**Names of Dead**  
"We have conducted a careful investigation, of many of these names", Mr. Cormier shot back, "and we find that many have no right to be there. Some of the names mentioned do not exist, some of the men are not naturalized and others are long since dead and buried".

"I must insist that Mr. Cormier name his objections more specifically", Bernard Bissonette, K. C., replied.

"I want Edouard Girard, who acted as sponsor for about 500 names in this division", Cormier said, "to take the witness stand and tell me if he personally knows that every one of the men for whom he vouched is legally qualified".

The Recorder-in-Chief again intervened.

"You will have to name the exact voter and specify your objection", he declared.

Overruling Mr. Cormier's objection, Recorder Thouin passed Jacques division, and in quick succession, over the same objections, ratified St. James, and St. Henri divisions.

**Had Specific Case**  
The first real snag came when St. Mary's division was read. Mr. Cormier again rose and presented his objections. In this constituency, however, he had taken the precaution to offer a list of specific names to which he objected. He named Honore Dupuis, of 2049 Champlain street as not living at that address, street as not living at that address, Rene Chevalier as not being naturalized and started to reel off a long list of others.

At the suggestion of the Recorder-in-Chief, the sitting was adjourned until this afternoon to allow the insurgent Liberals to prepare their case. All of the names not objected to by Mr. Cormier were adjudged accepted.

The present provincial voters' list for the city has some 160,000 names,

## Sir Michael Sadler and Academic Education

Sir Michael Sadler is one of the most provocative educational experts in the Old Country. He is never happier than when propounding some new and startling theory, and it is generally illuminative debate. Recently, at Sheffield, he set the educationalists all agog with the declaration that "the education systems of the world are cracking like the streets of Messina during the earthquake". And he proceeded:—"An over-supply of academic education breeds student-agitators like mosquitoes".

Sir Michael's point is that there are too many students at the British universities who are being educated for jobs that do not exist and who, when they leave the university, have no hope of obtaining such employment as their Varsity training has qualified them to fill, but who have acquired a dislike of manual labour as something less distinctive, but more remunerative than work requiring greater mental agility.

He admits that British youth has not "rushed to the universities in the vast numbers which in some countries have produced a horde of B. A.'s without a job", but still he thinks there are too many. The point has been raised in this country also, and there are a good many people who think with Sir Michael. To increase the number of undergraduates who leave their Varsity unable to find a job suitable to the time they have spent in higher education is surely a great mistake, particularly as it is beyond doubt that a good number of them have merely wasted the time, not only of themselves, but of their instructors and of the Varsity personnel in general, by going to the university at all. The point is worth while thinking over, particularly by those who have the best interests of Canadian youth at heart.

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and if the new ones are added — the list of eligible voters in the Montreal area will come up to about 185,000.

The hearing this morning provided an unusual departure from the regular current of provincial politics in that the Conservatives for the first time stayed out of the scene, and allowed the Liberals and their disgruntled followers of the past to fight among themselves.

## SAINT JOHN CITY AND LANCASTER PARISH AGREE

### Mutual Agreement Is Reached re Water Supply — Another Saint John Bill Opposed At Municipalities Committee Meeting.

A material agreement between the City of Saint John and the Parish of Lancaster to install a standpipe at a proportionate expense of all concerned automatically cancelled and further action on a bill before the Municipalities Committee yesterday. The bill, which provided for the installation of this standpipe, was presented by the parish of Lancaster, and was opposed by the City of St. John. A long discussion on the matter yesterday morning was followed by a conference between the two factions and an agreement was reached yesterday afternoon without the necessity of the bill passing.

A bill entitled an Act to confirm the valuation of the city and county of Saint John, presented by the city was strongly opposed by a delegation from the Parish of Lancaster. After a discussion which occupied most of the afternoon it was decided by the committee to consider the bill in private session.

E. C. Atkinson, M. P. P., for Sunbury, occupied the chair.

**Bill Recommended**  
The following Bills were considered by the Municipalities Committee.

An Act to confirm and ratify the action of the receiver of taxes and chairman of the board of assessors of the city of St. John in not selling real estate in the year 1934. Recommended as amended.

**Water Question**

Commissioner R. W. Wigmore stated an agreement had been made between the county and city of Saint John, whereby a standpipe would be installed, the expense to be borne equally by the city of Saint John and the whole water district. The two party factions concerned with the bill before the committee were in conference for more than two hours before an agreement was reached.

**Valuation Bill**  
The next bill before the committee was one entitled an Act to confirm the county valuation of the city and county of Saint John.

W. A. Ross, secretary treasurer of Saint John county, spoke at length in supporting the bill.

G. Earl Logan, solicitor for the parish of Lancaster, opposed the bill. Councillors O'Brien and E. Claude Seeley also opposed the bill. The latter stated that the parish of Lancaster had been loaded with assessment while the city of Saint John has been alleviated. He added that the valuation was not taken by efficient valuers.

Reginald D. Kierstead, chairman of the taxpayers association in the parish of Lancaster, corroborated the statements of G. Earl Logan.

Murray W. Campbell, also a member of the association, also opposed the bill. It was argued by the opponents of the bill that the valuation of the property in Lancaster was "padded" and there should be a fair valuation on the property before any such bill is passed. Mr. Campbell stated that whenever the city of St. John needed revenue they picked on the parish of Lancaster and "we have to come to the Legislature for protection".

George Maxwell also opposed the bill.

**Supporters**

Commissioner R. G. McInerney, warden of the municipality, stated in support of the bill that the only members of the municipal council who opposed the bill were the representatives from Lancaster. He further stated that the valuers who estimated the valuations were experts and only made the valuation for the sake of obtaining a ratio of rates between the city and the parishes. He stated that some of the valuations on income in Lancaster was not as high as they should be and that the city was taking no more than the taxpayers were obliged to pay.

Murray Campbell stated that the question of valuation on income was one confined to the county alone.

## FRIDAY IN THE LEGISLATURE

The House met at 3 p.m.

The following bills were read a second time; respecting Women's Institutes; to authorize Saint John to issue debentures for snow removal equipment; to authorize School District No. 1 Parish of Madawaska, Madawaska, to effect temporary loans; to authorize the Maritime Trust Company to increase its Directorates; to amend the Act providing for the Government of the City of St. John.

Mr. Atkinson submitted a report from the Municipalities Committee.

Hon. Mr. Taylor presented a petition for a bill to incorporate the Maria F. Ganong Old Folks Home.

Mr. Richard (Gloucester), for Mr. Violette, presented a petition for a bill to continue the Act incorporating the Madawaska Log Driving Company.

Mr. Dysart gave notice of motion for Wednesday next.

Mr. Dysart gave Notices of Enquiry as to the amounts of money paid Mr. Leo. F. Cain, his secretaries and stenographers in connection with any services he performed for the Government; also as to any monies paid to Mr. Robert N. McCunn.

Adjourned at 3.25 p.m.

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**Mayor Brittain**

Mayor J. W. Brittain of St. John stated that at the council meeting it was decided that the city was paying too great a proportion of the county valuation and that a revaluation should be made of the whole city so that a proper and just valuation could be ascertained. Lancaster he stated, had strongly opposed the move from the beginning.

W. A. Ross, secretary treasurer of Saint John county, supported the bill.

It was decided to consider the bill in private session at the next meeting.

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